

The WVJH Sportsmanship Pledge

We are in it for the kids

At West Valley Junior High, sportsmanship is our top priority. I encourage you to take the “pledge” to emphasize good sportsmanship above all else.

Students need to know that integrity, fairness, and respect are lifetime values taught through athletics and that these are the principles of good sportsmanship.

Why do we need good sportsmanship?

- To prevent violent actions toward officials, opponents, and other spectators, which are becoming commonplace in today’s society and sports.
- To decrease the emphasis on just “winning” or “losing” an athletic event.
- To promote ethics, respect, and integrity in all walks of life.
- To promote the ideal of intrinsic rewards of athletics.
- To learn the attitudes for responsible behavior.

By following these simple principles, parents can make proper behavioral choices while viewing their children’s athletic events.

Parents who pledge agree:

- We will be a proper role model for our student-athletes.
- We will inform others that you have taken the pledge and why.
- We will give our children solid information about proper conduct and behavior while participating or viewing an athletic event
- We will be clear and firm about rules concerning our conduct and behavior while viewing and participating in an athletic event.

The pledge:

- I/we take the WVJH athletics pledge
- I/we will not allow poor sportsmanship from our family
- I/we will encourage all athletes to be their “best” at all times
- I/we will applaud acts of sportsmanship, whether from our team or our opponent.
- I/we will praise all “great” plays, whether by our team or our opponent.

If you have taken the pledge, please sign below and put it in a place where you’ll be reminded of what you’re actively participating in to continually improve youth sports. Thank you for taking the time improve the overall experience for everyone involved.

Name: _____ Date: _____